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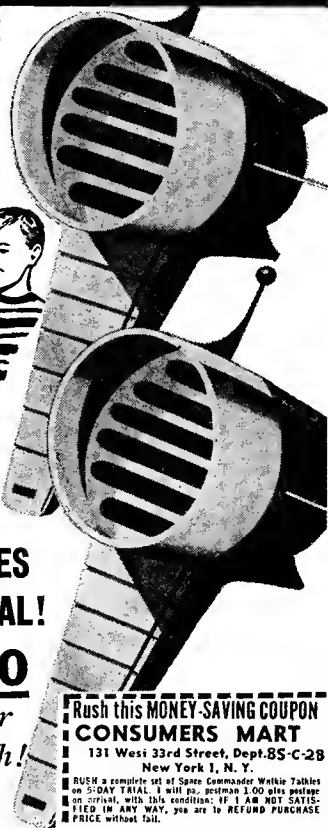
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# RETURN FROM DEATH

WALT! LOOK!  
IT'S DYGAS...  
HE'S COME  
BACK!

WAL, AH'LL TAKE CARE  
OF DYGAS! THIS TIME AH'LL  
FIX HIM SO HE WON'T BE  
ABLE T' COME BACK  
AGAIN!

WHY  
DON'T  
YA FALL  
DOWN?  
DRAT  
YA!

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NOT TOO LONG BEFORE THIS, TWO  
SMALL TIME CROOKS, WALTER LARCENT  
AND LOU VONTZ RECEIVE A VISITOR IN  
THEIR FLAT...

AWRIGHT,  
DYGAS. LET'S  
HAVE THAT  
AGAIN!

AS YOU KNOW, WALT,  
I HAVE A GOOD DEAL  
I'M A MEDIUM... I'M THE  
DOORWAY OF THE  
UNKNOWN! I AM IN  
TOUCH WITH  
THOSE WHO...

CUT OUT  
THE BUNK,  
DYGAS...  
WADDAYA  
WANT  
WITH US?

I'M COMING TO THAT, I  
HAVE A STEADY CLIENT-  
ELE... I BRING BACK THEIR  
LOVED ONES! I HAD AN  
ASSISTANT, BUT HE WAS  
A DRUNKARD AND I LET  
HIM GO! I'M EXPANDING,  
AND I NEED YOUR  
HELP! THE TAKE  
IS SPLENDID!



SURE, DYGAS,  
WE'VE NEED DOUGH!  
I CAN ALLUS  
USE DOUGH!

FINE, LARCENY,  
SO LENDID! COME  
TO MY STUDIO  
TONIGHT! BY  
THE WAY, WHAT  
ARE YOU DOING  
WITH ALL THOSE  
CASES? ARE  
YOU GIVING A  
PARTY?



NAW! THOSE'RE POR  
ME! I DEARLY LOVES  
TO DRINK COKE!

THAT NIGHT, AT DYGAS' PLACE!



HI DYGAS. HYAR WE ARE!  
AH, LOU AND  
WALT, COME  
RIGHT IN!

DYGAS WAS  
CLEVER, AND  
HE HAD A  
GREAT ACT!  
IT DIDN'T  
TAKE THE TWO HOODE  
LONG TO  
LEARN HOW  
TO WORK  
ALL THE  
CLEVER  
APPARATUS!  
AFTER THE  
INSTRUCTIONS  
AND A  
THOROUGH  
REHEARSAL,  
THEY WERE  
READY FOR  
THEIR OPENING  
NIGHT!



BOY, THIS  
IS SOME SET-  
UP DYGAS! WHAT  
TIME IS THE  
FIRST SUCKER  
DUE?

PLEASE, WALT!  
NOT SUCKER...  
CLIENT! OH... THE  
DOOR! OUR FIRST  
VISITOR! VONTZ,  
ANSWER THE  
DOOR!

RIGHT,  
BOSS!

THE FIRST CLIENTS WERE MRS. VAN EPP, A  
STEADY CLIENT WHO HAD LOST HER HUSBAND  
A NUMBER OF MONTHS BACK, AND SOME  
FRIENDS OF HERS!



AH, MRS. VAN EPP!  
PLEASE COME IN!

OH, DR. DYGAS... HOW  
ARE THE SIGNS  
TONIGHT?



THE SIGNS ARE EXCELLENT!  
COME, WE WILL WASTE NO  
TIME, I FEEL STRONG WAVES  
TRYING TO  
REACH ME  
THROUGH  
THE BEYOND!

WONDERFUL,  
DR. DYGAS! I  
DO SO WANT  
TO TALK TO  
EDGAR!



SOON, AROUND THE MYSTIC TABLE  
DYGAS MUTTERS A STRANGE  
INCANTATION, AND...

OH, MYRA!  
THE T-TABLE  
IS RISING!

SILENCE... PLEASE,  
I HEAR A FAINT  
VOICE... I ALSO  
SEE... THROUGH  
THE MIST...

LOOK!  
THERE'S  
SOMETHING...



IT... IT'S  
EDGAR!  
ARE YOU  
HAPPY  
AND WELL!

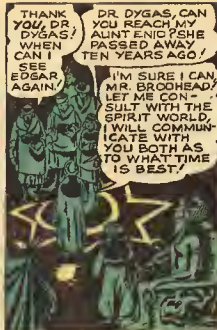
YES... MY DEAR...  
VERY... I MUST RETURN...  
NOW, WILL... BE BACK...  
HERE... IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE...

LATER THAT EVENING!



OH, DR. DYGAS! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOU'VE DONE FOR ME! PLEASE ACCEPT THIS EXTRA SLIM AS A TOKEN OF MY ESTEEM!

I AM MOST GRATEFUL, MRS. VAN EPP!



THANK YOU, DR. DYGAS! WHEN CAN I SEE EDGAR AGAIN?

DR. DYGAS, CAN YOU REACH MY AUNT ENIC? SHE PASSED AWAY TEN YEARS AGO!

I'M SURE I CAN, MR. BROOHEAD! LET ME CONSULT WITH THE SPIRIT WORLD. I WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU BOTH AS TO WHAT TIME IS BEST.

AFTER MRS. VAN EPP AND HER FRIENDS DEPART, THE SWINDLERS ARE JUBILANT!



HOT DAWG! DYGAS, THAT'S THE BEST SET UP AN EVER SEEN!

YOU SAID IT, WALT!



THE CUSTOMERS FIENT TO GIVE YA THEIR MONEY, AN I LOVES MONEY!

YES, AND THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING! THEY WILL FLOCK IN TO THE GREAT DR. DYGAS!



IT'S SO EASY, IT'S PITIFUL! A LITTLE VENTRILCQUISM, PHOTOS PROJECTED ON LUMINOUS FABRIC, INVISIBLE WIRES, AND WE SIT BACK AND COUNT THE CONTRIBUTIONS.



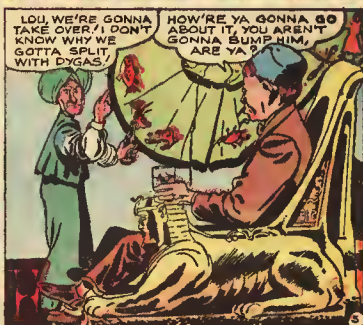
YEAH, DOC! BY THE WAY, DO YA THINK YA KIN TEACH ME SOME OF THOSE TRICKS? ...ER, UH... IN CASE YOU GET SICK, WE KIN TAKE OVER TILL YA GET BETTER, Y'UNDERSTAND!

WALT WAS GETTING BIG IDEAS... DID HE WANT TO LEARN HOW TO OPERATE ALL THE PARAPHERNALIA OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF HIS HEART? OR DID HE HAVE SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND? ONE EVENING WALT AND LOU WERE SITTING AROUND TALKING...



HAND ME A HANDFUL OF THOSE ASPIRINS, LOU! LISSSEN, I KNOW ALL ABOUT THIS RACKET NOW, WHY DO WE NEED DYGAS ANYHOW?

SPILL IT, WALT, WHAT DO YA HAVE IN MIND?



LOU, WE'RE GONNA TAKE OVER! I DON'T KNOW WHY WE GOTTA SPLIT WITH DYGAS!

HOW'RE YA GONNA GO ABOUT IT, YOU AREN'T GONNA KIDNAP HIM, ARE YA?





WE GOTTA GET RID OF HIM, BUT NOT MURDER. IT'S GOTTA BE AN ACCIDENT!

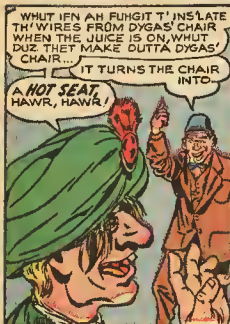
HOW YA GONNA WORK IT, WALT?



AH DUNNO, 'LEMME THINK, MMMM. 'GOT IT, LISSSEN CLOSE LOU.



Y'KNOW THE PHOTOGRAPH IS PROJECTED ON THE CHEESE CLOTH T'MAKE THE IMAGE OF THOSE DAIO PEOPLE 'WAL, WE USE A LOTTA 'LECTRICAL JUICE 'N IT'S MY JOB TO INSULATE THE GENERATOR.

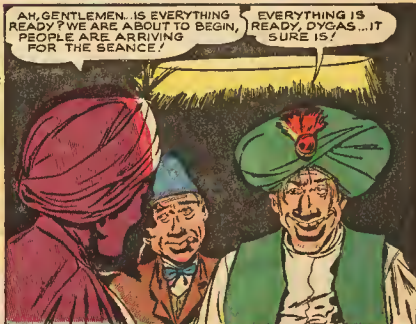


WHUT IFN AH FUHGIT T'INSULATE TH' WIRES FROM DYGAS' CHAIR WHEN THE JUICE IS ON, WHUT DUZ THET MAKE DUTTA DYGAS' CHAIR...

IT TURNS THE CHAIR INTO.

A HOT SEAT HAWR, HAWR!

SO THEY HIT UPON A PLAN TO GET RID OF DYGAS WITHOUT THE FINGER OF GUILT POINTING TO THEM! THE NEXT SEANCE IS READY TO BEGIN, DYGAS ENTERS SMILING, NOT THE SLIGHTEST SUSPICION OF WHAT FATE HAS IN STORE FOR HIM...



AH, GENTLEMEN... IS EVERYTHING READY? WE ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN, PEOPLE ARE ARRIVING FOR THE SEANCE!

EVERYTHING IS READY, DYGAS... IT SURE IS!



THE GUESTS ARRIVE...

HOW, IF YOU WILL KINDLY ENTER, WE WILL COMMENCE!



SAY LOU, Y'KNOW WE HAVE PLENTY OF WITNESSES, THESE PEOPLE 'LL BE RIGHT HYART' CLEAR US...

YEAH, AN 'IT'LL LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT TO THEM!



THE SEANCE BEGINS, THE ATTENTION OF EVERYONE IS CENTERED ABOUT DYGAS. HE STARTS MUTTERING MYSTERIOUS INCANTATIONS, ALL GET SPELLBOUND. THEN HE SIGNALS WALT TO TURN ON THE JUICE...

SPIRITS OF THE OUTER REGIONS, I CALL... I CALL... THE WAY... IS OPEN.

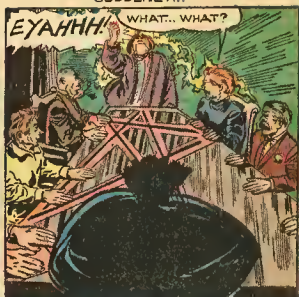
WALT TURNS ON THE CURRENT, THEN STEPS TO THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM, HE MAKES SURE HE IS NOT SEEN NEAR THE SWITCH!



THEN AS DYGAS DRONES ON... HIS HAND REACHES FOR THE SWITCH...



SUDDENLY...



OH, MY GOODNESS!

TAKE IT EASY, EVVA-BODY! AH'LL SEE INTO THIS!

IS HE BADLY HURT?



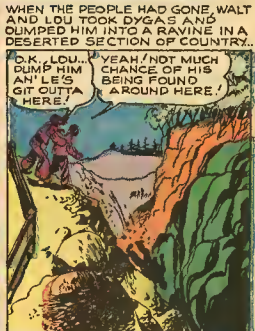
AWRIGHT, FOLKS... YOU GO ON HOME! AH'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM! HE'S GONE, AWRIGHT!



WHEN THE PEOPLE HAD GONE, WALT AND LOU TOOK DYGAS AND OUMPED HIM INTO A RAVINE IN A DESERTED SECTION OF COUNTRY...

O.K., LOU... DUMP HIM AN' LE'S GIT OUTTA HERE!

YEAH! NOT MUCH CHANCE OF HIS BEING FOUND AROUND HERE!



DYGAS WAS GONE, THE WAY WAS CLEAR... WALT AND LOU WERE READY TO STEP INTO HIS SHOES AND TAKE OVER...



AH KNOW HOW T'RUN EVATHIN', SO I'LL BE IN CHARGE HYAR!

YEAH, SURE, WALT! WITH US RUNNING THINGS WE CAN REALLY GET ROLLING!

THEY SENT WORD TO DYGAS CLIENTS THAT THINGS WOULD BE THE SAME, THERE WOULD BE A NEW MEDIUM, BUT NOTHING ELSE WOULD BE CHANGED SO A SHORT TIME LATER, THE TWO HOODS "OPEN" FOR BUSINESS!



FOLKS, IF YOLL JEST STEP THIS WAY, WE'LL GET STARTED, I FEEL STRONG MAGNETIC WAVES TUGGING AT ME FROM THE GREAT BEYOND...

OH, JASPER, ISN'T THAT GRAND! I CAN HARDLY WAIT!





HE HAD LEARNED HIS LESSONS WELL, AND SEANCE AFTER SEANCE WENT OVER SUCCESSFULLY. THE ILL- GAINED MONEY POURED IN...

DAYS PASS, EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE GOING THEIR WAY! BUT THERE IS SOMETHING AMISS! THEY SEEM TO FEEL THAT ALL IS NOT PERFECT, A STRANGE ALIEN PRESENCE...



WALT, YOU WERE GREAT! THEY LOVED IT!

YEAH...AN' WE DON'T SPILT WITH ANYBODY EITHER!



WALT, I GOT A CREEPY FEELING LIKE WE'RE BEING WATCHED!

RELAX, LOU! IT'S JES OUR NERVES! WE BIN WORKIN' TOO HARD!

ONE EVENING, THE FEELING OF AN UNNATURAL PRESENCE IS STRONGER THAN USUAL...THE GUESTS ARE GONE FOR THE NIGHT...WALT AND LOU ARE IN THE SEANCE ROOM...SUDDENLY!



HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LIGHTS?

FUSE MUSTA BLOWN, WAIT, AH'LL LIGHT A MATCH!



WALT! LOOK!

BY JINKS! ET'S DYGAS HE DIDN'T CROAK AFTER ALL, BUT AH'LL MAKE VERA SURE THIS TIME! HEY! AH'M KILLIN' YO...WHY DON'T YO FAWL DOWN!



SO IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT! YOU TWO DELIBERATELY PLANNED IT!

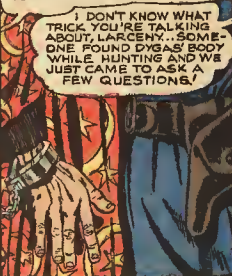
SUDDENLY AS IF BY A SIGNAL, THE LIGHTS GO ON! DYGAS SEEMS TO FADE INTO NOTHING, AND THE POLICE FILE IN, HEARING THE SHOTS!



DROP THAT, GUN!

IT WAS A TRICK! HE BROUGHT THE COPS ON US!

SAY OFFICERS, WE CONFESSED, AN' WE KNOW YOU AN' DYGAS TRICKED US INTA TELLIN'... BUT HOW'D YA DO IT? I DON'T KNOW THAT STUNT HE PULLED! THERE'S HIS FAVORITE WALKING STICK!



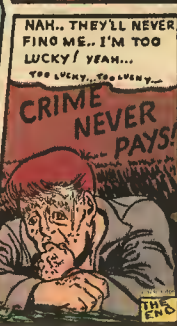
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TRICK YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, LARCENY...SOMEONE FOUND DYGAS' BODY WHILE HUNTING AND WE JUST CAME TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS!

HEY BOB, YOU'D BETTER GET THE MEDICS! VONTZ IS SHAKING LIKE A LEAF, AND LARCENY JUST FOLDED UP MUMBING ABOUT SPIRITS RETURNING FROM BEYOND!



YES, READERS! DID DYGAS RETURN OR WAS IT IMAGINATION? HOW DID THE LIGHTS GO OUT? COINCIDENCE? THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE WALKING STICK? IT WASN'T THERE BEFORE! GIVE IT A LITTLE THOUGHT, DEAR READERS!

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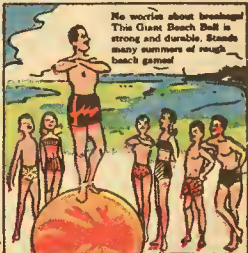
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LAW UNTIL POLICE GAVE OR-  
DERS TO...  
**"SHOOT TO KILL"**

SEPT 1935 OUTSIDE EVANSTON  
ILL. TWO CONS GREET EACH  
OTHER

HIYA JONES, BLACKY BANTON  
I GOT YOUR MESSAGE. COME ON IN,  
PAL. I BEEN WAITING FOR  
YA

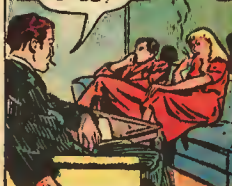


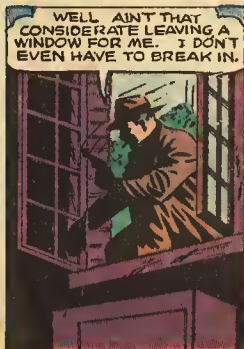
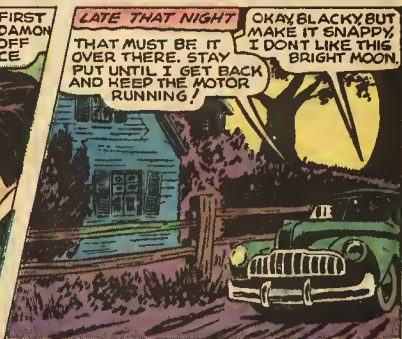
I GOT A JOB LAW SHE'S ALL  
RIGHT UP YOUR RIGHT JONE-  
ALLEY, BANTON LEX MAVIS  
BUT I AINT TALK- MEET  
ING IN FRONT OF JONES. WE  
NO DAME USED TO BE  
CELL MATES



HA, I'LL BET YOU TWO WERE  
A CUTE PAIR SPILL IT  
BIG SHOT.

AH, DON'T GET SURE  
SISTER I DON'T TRUST  
NO ONE. BLACKY YA  
SURE ABOUT THE  
BABE?







BOY, LOOK AT THEM FLAMES. WISH I COULD HANG AROUND AND WATCH, THIS IS GONNA BE HOTTER THAN BLAZES, HAW!



**MINUTES LATER**

BLACKY, WHERE YA BEEN? I WAS BEGINNING TO GET SCARED.

I WAS JUST MAKIN' SURE SHE WAS REALLY STARTED. SETTING FIRES IS AN ART. YA GOTTA KNOW WHAT TO DO!



LISTEN TO 'EM YELL. BOY IF WE COULD ONLY STAY AND WATCH!

YA KNOW BLACKY, SOMETIMES I THINK YA AIN'T ALL THERE.

**WELD WELD**



WHY YOU LITTLE RAT.. I OUGHT TO WRING YOUR NECK. I NOTICE YOU'RE OUT HERE AIN'T YA?

YEAH, I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR ENOUGH DOUGH, BUT I AIN'T ENJOYING SEEN THEM BURN.



**TWO NIGHTS LATER** DONT WORRY GET READY TO WILL YA? MOVE FAST BA-GET RID BY YA CAN NEVER OF IT ALL TELL ABOUT THESE READY THINGS.

THAT THING GIVES ME THE COLD SHUDDERS.



SHE SURE HAS A SWEET TICK. I HATE TO THINK WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SHE WENT OFF NOW.



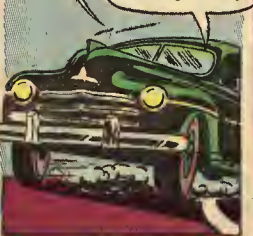
THEY COULDN'T OF MADE A BETTER PLACE FOR OLD BETSY HERE IF THE ARCHITECT HAD PLANNED IT. THERE AIN'T GONNA BE MUCH LEFT WHEN SHE BLOWS.



GET ROLLIN' MAVIS, BRRR! THE  
THEM BOMBS IS SOONER  
UNPREDICTABLE. WE GET  
OUT OF HERE THE BETTER.



IT'S GONNA BE TERRIFIC, WHEN  
SHE GOES I WISH I COULD SEE IT.  
THERE YA GO AGAIN! WHY  
DON'T YA SHUT UP? THE FAR-  
THER WE GET A-  
WAY FROM THERE THE BETTER ILL  
FEEL ABOUT IT.



AN HOUR LATER



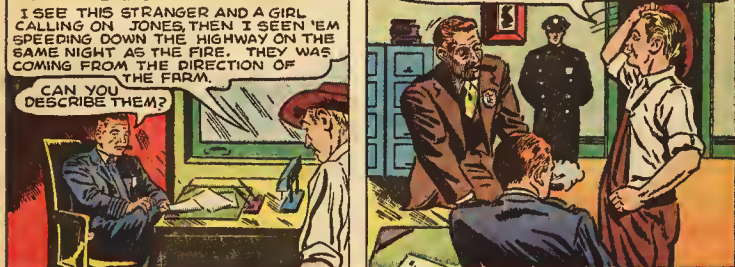
MEANWHILE POLICE LAUNCHED AN INTENSE  
INVESTIGATION OF THE TWO INCIDENTS  
QUESTIONING EVERYONE FOR MILES A-  
ROUND FINALLY...

I SEE THIS STRANGER AND A GIRL  
CALLING ON JONES, THEN I SEEN 'EM  
SPEEDING DOWN THE HIGHWAY ON THE  
SAME NIGHT AS THE FIRE. THEY WAS  
COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF  
THE FARM.

CAN YOU  
DESCRIBE THEM?



SURE CAN. MAN HAD BLACK HAIR AND  
A LITTLE MUSTACHE, MEAN LOOKING HE  
WAS. GIRL WAS PRETTY, BLOND ABOUT  
FIVE THREE.. I'D KNOW 'EM ANYWHERE...



AFTER HOURS OF POURING OVER ROGUE'S  
GALLERY PHOTOGRAPHS.

HDLY SMOKES, THAT'S  
BLACKY BANTON! THE  
F.B.I. IS AFTER HIM  
RIGHT NOW, FOR ARSON!

THAT'S HIM! LOOKS  
JUST LIKE HIM TOO!

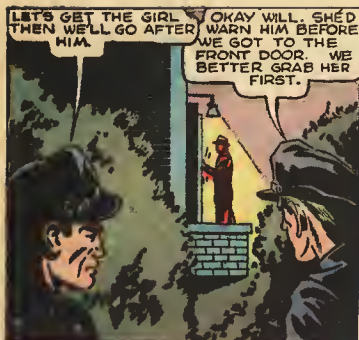


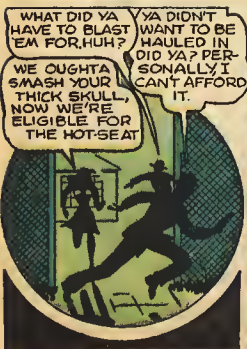
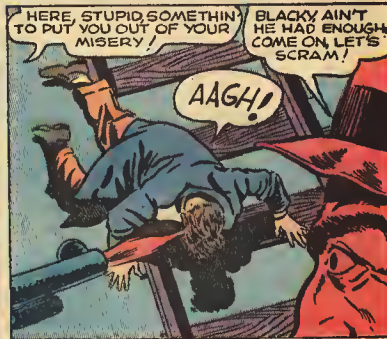
THE AREA AROUND JONES' HOUSE WAS  
PUT UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE  
AND THREE DAYS LATER...

STAY HERE, MAVIS. I'LL  
GET THE REST OF THE GOODNESS  
DOUGH AND WE'LL BLOW  
THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY!

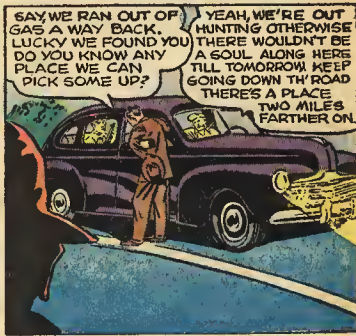
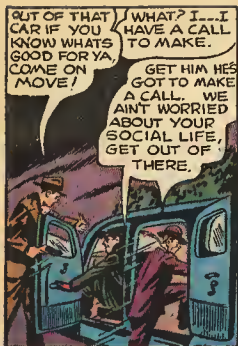


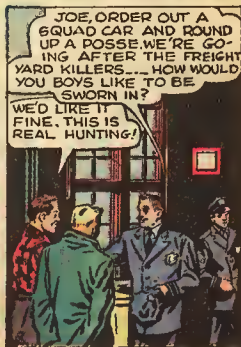
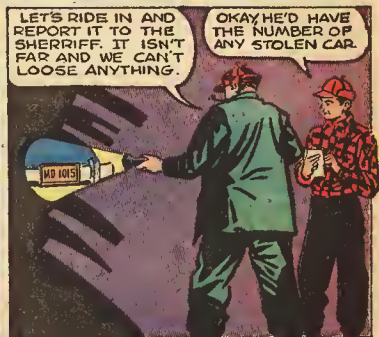
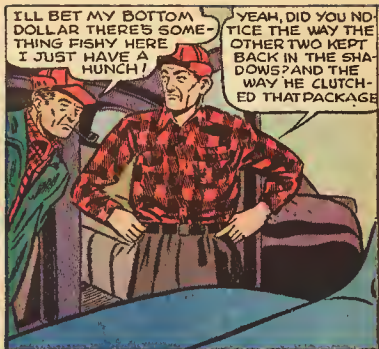
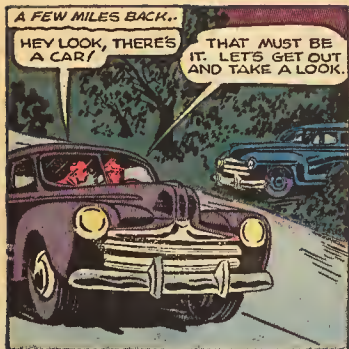














A HALF HOUR LATER...

SEE! THERE THEY ARE UP AHEAD THERE!

GOOD! THESE PUNKS ARE GOING TO GET THE SURPRISE OF THEIR LIVES.



DON'T SLOW DOWN. DID SHOOT RIGHT PAST THEM!

DID YOU SEE? THE LEADER IS CARRYING A REVOLVER! I KNEW HE HAD ONE.



A MILE FURTHER ON--

THIS IS THE SPOT! PULL UP HERE, JOE!

WHAT A PLACE FOR AN AMBUSH!



TURN THE CAR AROUND, JOE SO THAT IT FACES THEM. THEN TURN OUT THE LIGHTS STAY BEHIND THE WHEEL AND WHEN THEY GET HERE, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO.

RIGHT CHIEF!



DIVIDE UP THE BOYS AND GET INTO THE DITCHES ON EACH SIDE OF THE ROAD. I'LL GIVE THE SIGNAL WHEN THEY GET HERE. NO SHOOTING UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY UNDERSTAND!

CHECK/OKAY CHIEF. LET'S GO.



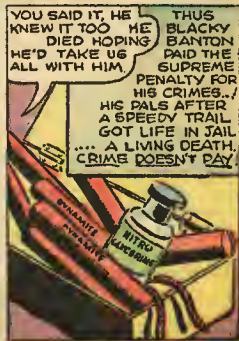
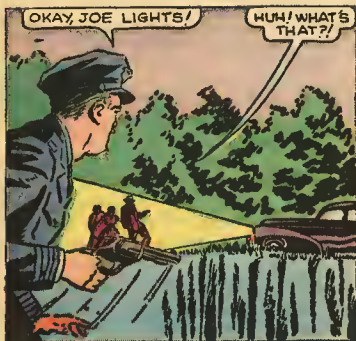
WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM? MAYBE THEY GOT WISE?

SHH! TAKE IT EASY SON, IT TAKES A WHILE TO WALK A MILE IN THE DARK.



SHHH! LISTEN! THEY'RE COMING NOW! NOT ANOTHER WORD!







# TRIAL AND EXECUTION..

THE trial and execution of Joseph Blackburn, the Leeds attorney, aroused the greatest interest in the north of England, owing to the position and popularity of the criminal. He was the son of Robert Blackburn, a man of some consequence in his little world. The son was baptized at the parish church of Rothwell on March 27, 1765. After leaving school, he worked for an attorney, and eventually set up in practice for himself. On August 8, 1793, he was married to Miss Anne Hemingway, of the same village, an amiable lady who belonged to a rich family.

Joseph Blackburn was successful in his profession, becoming one of the most prosperous lawyers in the city of Leeds. We are told that "no man living enjoyed more generally the credit of integrity and respectability than Mr. Blackburn." But like fools before him, and after him, he began to lead a double life and had many clandestine love affairs. However he managed to conceal his irregularities from his wife as well as from the general public. But leading a double life was an expensive proposition and soon he began to spend more than he earned.

On December 14, 1814, after having been in practice for twenty years, a man named George Jacques, who had formerly been his clerk, laid an information against him before the magistrates for removing stamps from old deeds and placing them upon new ones. Jacques had been discharged from his job for dishonesty and was being threatened with prosecution. In consequence of his accusation, Blackburn's office was raided by the police, who believed that they had discovered incriminating evidence. As a result, the lawyer was arrested and taken to York Castle.

The trial took place at York on Saturday, March 18, 1815 before Sir Simon le

Blanc. The counsel for the Crown were Mr. James Alan Park, Mr. Topping, Mr. Wailes, and Mr. Richardson. The prisoner was defended by Mr. James Scarlett, Mr. Joseph Litterdale, and Mr. Williams. He was arraigned under various indictments, charging him with forging and counterfeiting the impression of a certain stamp or die, used under the direction of the Commissioners of Stamps. Its purpose was to denote the payment of certain duties imposed on various deeds and other securities. And that he feloniously removed the stamps from executed deeds and transferred them to others, with an intent to defraud the Revenue. The particular indictment selected as the subject of his trial, accused him of forging a 2 pound stamp upon a mortgage deed of 180 pounds.

In opening the case for the prosecution, James Alan Park expressed his regret that it had fallen to his lot to appear against Mr. Blackburn, a man whom he had known long and well, and who had conducted many actions in which he had been retained. He proceeded to explain that the stamp in question had not been affixed to the deed at the stamp office, because the parchments which passed through the stamping machine had a visible impression of the stamp on the back of the skin, which was not the case in this deed. Hence it must have been transferred from some other document. Moreover, the prisoner had employed an engraver at Leeds to make several dies, "suitable for making any impression resembling the words which denote the value that are upon the stamps used by the Commissioners." And the numerals and words "11." pounds impressed upon the stamp of the particular deed, was an impression of one of these dies. When the officers of justice had searched Mr. Blackburn's house they had found a

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box containing the dies along with a number of odd deeds from which the stamps had been cut off. It was obvious that the accused man would benefit by taking the stamps from old instruments and affixing them upon new ones, as he would put into his pocket the whole amount of the duty, since naturally he would charge the nominal value of the stamps to his clients.

The evidence of two high officials from the stamp office in London told heavily against the prisoner. For neither of them had the least hesitation in declaring that the denomination of the 2 pound stamp on the mortgage deed for 180 pounds had been altered. The numeral "If." and the word "pounds" not having been impressed by the stamp used by the Commissioners. They stated also that no stamp was ever printed on a separate label, detached from the papers or parchment on which the instrument was to be executed.

On cross-examination it was shown that Jacques, the clerk, who admittedly had a grudge against his old employer, might have been implicated in placing the dies and the old deeds in the position in which they were found. It was suggested also that the stamp on the mortgage deed of 180 pounds, which had been kept in an unlocked box, might possibly have been damaged accidentally. Yet, counsel for the prisoner were unable to explain why it had been pasted on the instrument and had not been impressed upon the parchment in the government offices in the usual way.

Mr. Blackburn, who, we are told, was dressed in a suit of mourning, with his hair powdered, made an inadequate defense, "labouring under great and evident emotion." He was stuck by a neat bit of detective work—showing that the stamp had not been impressed upon the parchment. And then, he was unable to explain the fact that he had ordered those dies to be made for him. The jury retired and in less than a quarter of an hour they came back to the court room with the verdict, "Guilty."

Now at this point of the case, you may be doing a little bit of arithmetical close calculation, trying to figure out just how much 2 pounds equals in our money. Say about five dollars today. What should be the penalty for such a crime? A fine or a year in jail? You may be shocked to learn that he was sentenced to death! You see, the English law was very strict. He had committed a forgery and at that time, the penalty was death.

Great efforts were made to obtain a reprieve. A petition was signed by the people of Leeds and Mrs. Blackburn hurried to London with the intention of throwing herself at the feet of the Prince Regent to beg for the life of her unhappy husband. In this she failed, as the Home Secretary would not grant her the interview. Finally, when he knew he had to die, Joseph Blackburn confessed that he was guilty. He even said that "the irregularities of his past life had been so great as to have deserved the death which had been awarded against him for an offense of a different nature."

On April 8th he was taken to the place of execution. Upon reaching the scaffold, he knelt down upon a low stool, with his back to the spectators, while prayers were said for him. When it was time for him to rise, he had to be assisted by the jailers, who supported him in their arms, while the rope was placed around his neck. The execution was not efficient. When the drop fell, the noose slipped and Blackburn appeared "much convulsed." After he had hung for about two minutes, the hangman endeavoured to replace the cord, but it was not until six or seven minutes after the platform had fallen that his struggles ceased.

Here was a man who certainly should have known better, that you can't beat the law, that crime doesn't pay. Unfortunately, there are people who feel they have found a foolproof way to beat the law, and only too late realize that they have merely fooled themselves.



# The TRIO OF TERROR

OUT OF A CHANCE MEETING OF THREE BUMS, BROKE, DOWN-ON-THE-MOUTH, IN A FREIGHT CAR OF A RAILROAD TRAIN THAT WAS HEADED FOR DETROIT, WAS FORMED A TRIUMPHATE OF LAWLESS AND MERCILESS KIDNAPPERS. THE THREE KIDNAPPERS WERE FRANK SADEO, CHARLES FELLO, AND IGIGIE FERROAR, AND IN THE POLICE RECORDS THEY WERE DESCRIBED AS THE MOST VICIOUS, IRRESPONSIBLE KIDNAPPERS THAT EVER ROAMED THIS FREE LAND, SEEKING TO CAPITALIZE ON AN ERRAND OF MERCY, TURNING IT TO THEIR OWN LARCENOUS ENDS, FUNCTIONING AS...THE BODY-SNATCHING TRIO!!

DEAR FATHER,  
I AM BEING HELD FOR \$4,000 RANSOM.  
PAY THESE MEN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. DON'T  
NOTIFY THE POLICE OR MAKE ANY FALSE MOVES,  
FOR THESE MEN WILL GO AWAY AND NOT  
RETURN. YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT WILL  
HAPPEN TO ME THEN.

A. MARKNESS



FRANK SADEO



CHARLES FELLO



IGIGIE FERROAR

A DARK, LONELY NIGHT IN JUNE OF 1943, INSIDE A FREIGHT CAR  
ROLLING TOWARDS DETROIT...

ALL RIGHT! COME ON! DON'T  
TAKE ALL NIGHT ABOUT IT!  
GET ON AND GET BEDDED  
DOWN BEFORE ONE OF THE  
RAILROAD DICKS HEARS,  
YA STUMBLING AROUND.

TAKE IT EASY,  
FRANK! IT'S NO  
CINCH GETTING  
OVER THIS!



JUST A SECOND, CHARLIE! I DON'T  
LIKE THE WAY YA BEEN PUFFING  
WIND LATELY! IN CASE YA GOT  
ANY DOUBTS ABOUT WHO'S BOSSING  
THIS LITTLE TRIO, LET'S GET THEM  
OFF YOUR MIND RIGHT NOW!

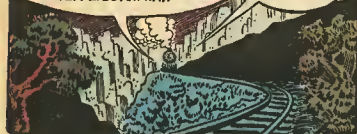
AW, TAKE IT EASY,  
FRANK! I DIDN'T  
MEAN TO START  
NOTHIN'!



INTO DETROIT ROLLED A FREIGHT TRAIN, AND PART OF THE NON-PAYING FREIGHT WERE THREE HOOBS SLATED TO BECOME KIDNAPPERS!

BETTER NOT TRY! I'D JUST AS SOON LET YOU HAVE IT AS NOT! I DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU LOOK OUTTA THE CORNERS OF YER EYES ANYWAY!

ALL RIGHT, YOU GUYS! LET'S DROP IT!



AS THE TRAIN PULLED INTO A SIDING IN THE FREIGHT YARD FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...

TIME TO MAKE THE ROUNDS AND CHECK THIS ONE, LUKE! I SUPPOSE THE USUAL NUMBER OF FREE-RIDERS WILL BE ON IT!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

MAKE IT EASY FOR YOURSELVES, YOU PRINCES OF THE RAILROAD! GET OUT WHILE THE GETTING OUT IS GOOD! WE'RE GOING THROUGH THIS TRAIN IN HALF AN HOUR! ANYBODY REMAINING IS GOING TO THE LOCAL CLINK!



OH..OH...THERE'S SOMEBODY HOLDING OUT IN HERE! JUST SAW A FLASH OF LIGHT INSIDE THIS ONE!

ALL RIGHT, YOU GUYS, FALL OUT OF THAT FREIGHT CAR BEFORE I COME IN AFTER YA!

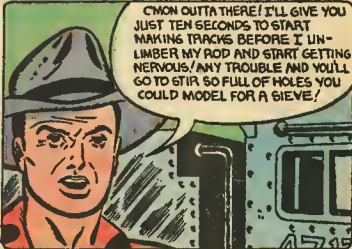


FRANK! WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO NOW? ARE WE GONNA LET HIM COLLAR US?

SHUT UP! YOU MAY BE READY TO SPEND SOME TIME IN THE LOCAL CAN, BUT I'M NOT! GIVE ME THAT FLASHLIGHT! WE'RE GONNA BREAK OUTTA HERE!



C'MON OUTTA THERE! I'LL GIVE YOU JUST TEN SECONDS TO START MAKING TRACKS BEFORE I UN-LIMBER MY ROD AND START GETTING NERVOUS! ANY TROUBLE AND YOU'LL GO TO STIR SO FULL OF HOLES YOU COULD MODEL FOR A SIEVE!



AS SOON AS HE GETS UP, OFF BALANCE, I'M GONNA FLASH OUR LIGHT RIGHT INTO HIS EYES, BLIND HIM FOR A COUPLE OF SECONDS, AND THEN WE MAKE OUR BREAM AND TAKE OFF SEPARATELY!



SECONDS LATER...

HEY! WATCH OUT, OR I'LL LET FLY WITH THIS ROD! HEY!

OUTTA MY WAY, BUDDY! I'M HIGHTAILING IT, AND NO RAILROAD DICK IS GONNA HOLD ME BACK! I GOT A ONE WAY TICKET TO FREEDOM, AND IT'S NOT A RAILROAD TICKET!



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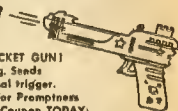
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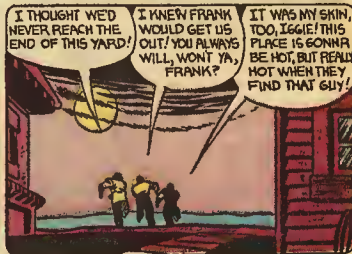
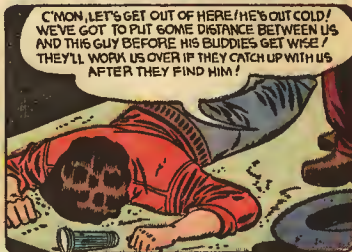
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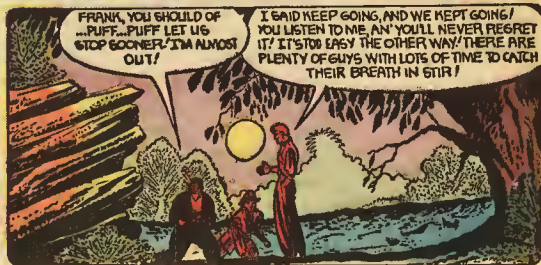
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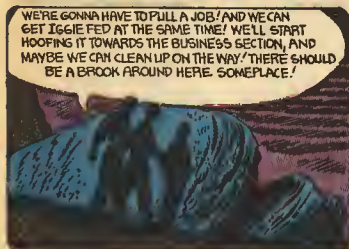
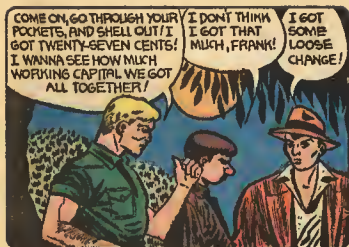




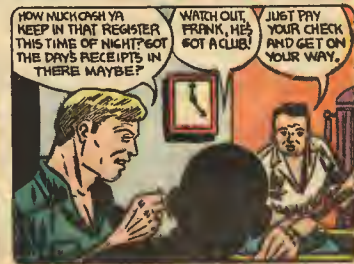
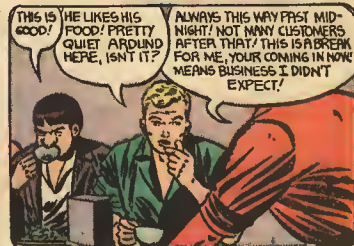
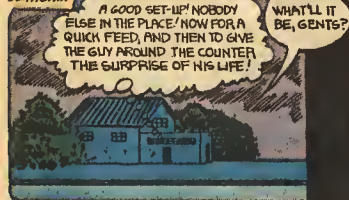


AFTER FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FRANK RUNNING, THE MENEGADE TRIO FELL TO THE GROUND, EXHAUSTED.

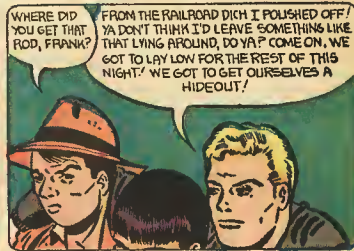




*A HALF HOUR LATER, THAT NIGHT, THE THREE MEN, HUNGRY RESPECTATE, ENTERED A DINER IN A SUBURB OF DETROIT...*





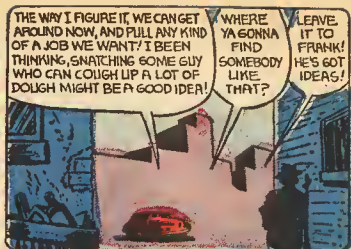
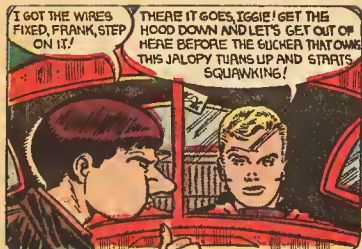


LATER THAT NIGHT, IN A CHERP HOTEL WHICH CHARGED TWENTY-FIVE CENTS FOR A NIGHT'S LODGING.....

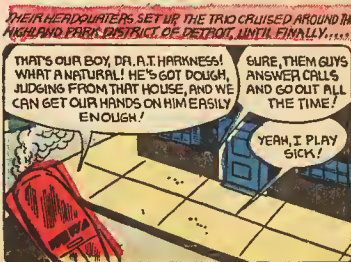
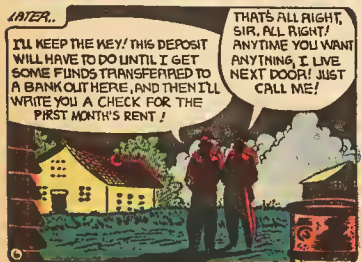
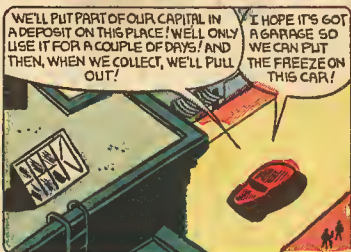
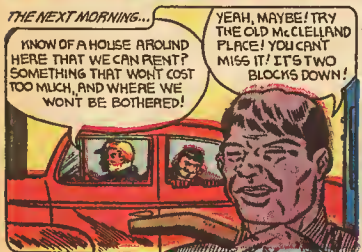
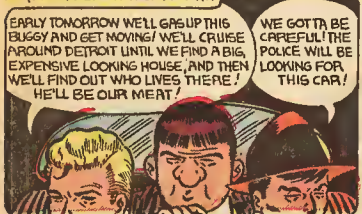


THE NEXT NIGHT, THE TRIO WENT INTO ACTION.....





THAT NIGHT, THE IRRESPONSIBLE TRIO HOLED UP IN THEIR CAR IN A DESERTED PART OF TOWN...



LATE THAT SAME NIGHT...

SEVENTY-THREE HARROW ROAD! GOOD ENOUGH! THAT'S THE ADDRESS WE'LL GIVE THE DOC WHEN WE CALL HIM!

THERE'S A DRUG STORE DOWN THE CORNER WHERE YOU CAN PUT IN THE CALL, FRANK!

THAT'S RIGHT, DOCTOR HARKNESS! THE ADDRESS IS SEVENTY-THREE HARROW ROAD! NO...NO...THERE ISN'T ANOTHER DOCTOR THAT'S NEARER! YES, IT LOOKS LIKE THE BONE IS BROKEN! WOULD YOU PLEASE RUSH OVER! O.K.! WE'LL EXPECT YOU THEN!

WAIT OUTSIDE HERE! I'LL GO IN AND MAKE THE CALL!

LAY IT ON THICK, FRANK! MAKE IT SOUND SERIOUS AND IMPORTANT SO THIS DOC CAN'T TALK HIS WAY OUT OF IT!

COME ON! WE HAVE TO GET OVER TO THAT HOUSE WE PICKED OUT! THE DOC WILL BE THERE IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES! HE DIDN'T WANT TO COME DOWN TO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD! I HAD TO TALK HIM INTO IT!

INSIDE THE HALLWAY OF THE HOUSE...

I PICKED UP SOME STUFF IN THAT DRUG STORE THAT WILL HELP US TO KEEP THE DOC QUIET! I'LL PUT THE LIGHT OUT SO HE WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM!

I HOPE HE HURRIES UP!

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...

FUNNY SORT OF A PLACE TO GET A CALL FROM ALL OF A SUDDEN! AND FROM A STRANGE PATIENT! WONDER WHY THE LIGHTS ARE OFF IN ONLY THIS HOUSE! OH WELL, JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS IN A DOCTOR'S LIFE!

WHEN DR. HARKNESS STEPPED INSIDE OF THE HALLWAY, HE WAS SUBDUED IN A MATTER OF SECONDS....

SAY, YOU MEN, WHAT IS THIS? WHAT'S GOING ON HER...ASH!

ALL RIGHT, PICK HIM UP! WE DON'T WANT TO BE ALL NIGHT ABOUT THIS! LET'S GET THE ADHESIVE TAPE SLAPPED ON HIM!

MAKE IT SNAPPY! I'LL GET THE MOTOR RUNNING! OUR LUCK HAS HELD SO FAR, AND LET'S NOT STRETCH IT THIN!

THIS GUY'S HEAVY!

CARRY HIM, AND SHUT YOUR MOUTH! DID YOU THINK THIS WOULD BE EASY!

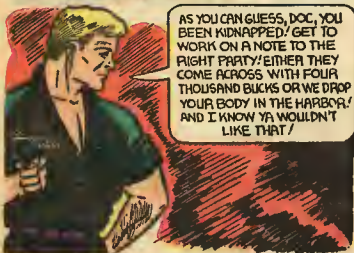


LATER...

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME? WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

I'LL GET THE DOOR UNLOCKED! LET'S GET HIM INSIDE FAST!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, DOC! YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS! JUST KEEP YOUR LIPS BUTTONED AND DO WHAT YOU'RE TOLD!



AS YOU CAN GUESS, DOC, YOU BEEN KIDNAPPED! GET TO WORK ON A NOTE TO THE RIGHT PARTY! EITHER THEY COME ACROSS WITH FOUR THOUSAND BUCKS OR WE DROP YOUR BODY IN THE HARBOR! AND I KNOW YA WOULDN'T LIKE THAT!

NOW YOU CAN SEE AND INSPECT YER NEW HOME, DOC, FOR AS LONG AS IT'LL BE NECESSARY!!

PLEASE TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

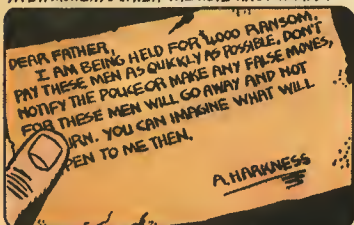
YOU'LL FIND OUT IN JUST A MINUTE! JUST AS SOON AS YA SIT DOWN AT THAT TABLE!



AND IF THERE'S ANY FUNNY BUSINESS, AND THEY GO TO THE COPS, WE'LL FORGET ABOUT THE MONEY, AND TAKE OUR FUN OUTTA YER HIDE, DOC! SO MAKE IT A GOOD NOTE, AND DON'T SPARE ANYTHING!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER THE NOTE WAS FINISHED.....



DEAR FATHER,  
I AM BEING HELD FOR \$4000 RANSOM.  
PAY THESE MEN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. DON'T  
NOTIFY THE POLICE OR MAKE ANY FALSE MOVES,  
FOR THESE MEN WILL GO AWAY AND NOT  
TURN. YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT WILL  
HAPPEN TO ME THEN.

A. HARKNESS

YOU STAY BEHIND WITH THE DOC, IGIE! CHARLIE, YOU COME WITH ME! WHERE DOES YOUR FATHER LIVE, DOC?

IT'S MY FATHER-IN-LAW! IT'S HIS HOUSE WHERE I PRACTICE! YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM THERE!

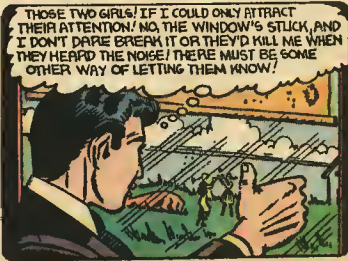


IN THE HOURS THAT FOLLOWED FRANK SADED HAD PROLONGED TALKS WITH DR. HARKNESS' FATHER-IN-LAW OVER THE PHONE! THE NEXT DAY DAWNED... AFTER A NIGHT OF TERROR FOR THE DOCTOR...



ANY CHANCE OF GETTING SOME COFFEE OR FOOD?

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! I'LL GET SOMETHING FROM THE KITCHEN! DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, DOC!



THOSE TWO GIRLS! IF I COULD ONLY ATTRACT THEIR ATTENTION! NO, THE WINDOW'S STUCK, AND I DON'T DARE BREAK IT OR THEY'D KILL ME WHEN THEY HEARD THE NOISE! THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER WAY OF LETTING THEM KNOW!

THIS IS IT! THE PAD! I CAN TEAR THE STRIPS OF PAPER, MAKE A MESSAGE AND PUT IT AGAINST THE WINDOW FOR THOSE TWO LITTLE GIRLS TO READ! AND THEN, MAYBE THEY CAN GET HELP! IF THIS ONLY WORKS!



THERE! NOW IF THOSE GIRLS WILL ONLY READ THIS AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, TELL SOMEBODY, OR CALL THE POLICE! OH, OH, I'D BETTER GET THIS DOWN—I CAN HEAR IGGLIE COMING BACK!



LOOK AT THAT MESSAGE! HELP! CALL POLICE! DOCTOR HARKN! THAT'S A FUNNY NAME!



WE WASN'T ABLE TO FINISH IT! LET'S TELL DAD RIGHT AWAY!

THAT'S RIGHT, OFFICER! AND I JUST RENTED THE PLACE TO THOSE FELLOWS THE OTHER DAY! THEY GOT SOMEBODY IN THERE! A DOCTOR OR SOMETHING THAT THEY'RE HOLDING! ALL RIGHT! I'LL KEEP A WATCH UNTIL YOU GET HERE!



IN A MATTER OF SECONDS...

I'VE GOT TO GET TO FRANK AND CHARLIE AND WARN... AIEE



THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU'RE GOING, BUD! YOU'VE GOT A KIDNAPPING CHARGE TO FACE!

PATIENTLY, THE POLICE SET A TRAP FOR FRANK GADDO AND CHAS. FELLO, WHO UN-AWARE OF THEIR PREDICAMENT, WERE DICKERING OVER RANSOM TERMS...

THE OLD BOY HAD BETTER STOP FOOLING AROUND AND KICK IN WITH THE FOUR THOUSAND IRON MEN, OR I'M GONNA START GETTIN' ROUGH WITH HIS DOCTOR SON-IN-LAW!

WHAT YA GONNA DO, FRANK? BUSTING THE GUY UP ISN'T GONNA MAKE ANY DOUGH FOR US!



UNSUSPECTINGLY, FRANK AND CHARLIE ENTERED THE HOUSE, TO BE HIT BY A DETROIT COP, A FORMER 2ND ROUND ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL PLAYER, MARTY WASHET...



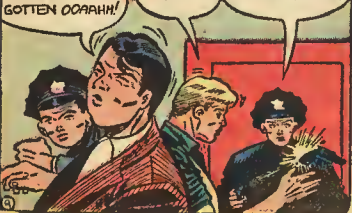
HEY—SOMETHING'S WRONG FRANK—HEY!

FIGHT HIM OFF, CHARLIE! I'LL DEAL HIM!

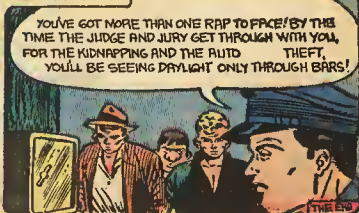
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET ME, COPPER! YOU MAY HAVE GOTTEN OGAHH!

GET YOUR HANDS UP.. COP... OHHH!

DON'T MOVE AND I WON'T SHOOT FOR YOUR HAND!



WITH DR. HARKNESS FREED, THE TRIO OF FRUSTRATED KIDNAPPERS WAS LED OFF TO MEET AND SERVE THE PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR CRIME...



YOU'VE GOT MORE THAN ONE RAP TO FACE! BY THIS TIME THE JUDGE AND JURY GET THROUGH WITH YOU, FOR THE KIDNAPPING AND THE AUTO THEFT, YOU'LL BE SEEING DAYLIGHT ONLY THROUGH BARS!

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terference BEFORE IT REACHES YOUR SET.



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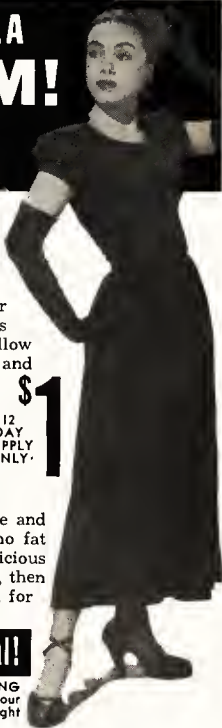
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